

NEAR DROWNING

ACTION/TREATMENT:

- ABCs/monitor cardiac rhythm.
- Spinal immobilization as indicated.
- IV access titrated to perfusion as needed.
- Treat arrhythmias according to treatment guidelines.
- Albuterol for wheezing or bronchospasm: 3 ml (2.5 mg) of a 0.083% solution nebulized.
May repeat.

Pediatric:

- Albuterol for wheezing or bronchospasm: 3 ml (2.5 mg) of a 0.083% solution nebulized.
May repeat.
- Insert feeding tube for obvious gastric distention or vomiting.

NOTES:

- Consider presence of hypothermia, and maintain normothermia.

Special Considerations:

- INFANT/SMALL CHILD (LESS THAN 30 KG):
 - First responders are authorized to expedite immediate transport of all near-drowning victims requiring immediate ALS to the nearest PRC if the time to the PRC is less than the estimated time of paramedic arrival on scene.

Shaded text indicates BH order
Unshaded text indicates standing order

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